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Mike and John –

I had some time to look into this. The Malheur County GIS data has been updated with West Coast Mining (AKA Owyhee Caldera Minerals [OCM]) tax lot boundaries. John – this may have been what the BLM Vale District was referring to (see below).

Anyway, as you can see on the attached figures, the BLM ROW (Indian Creek Loop) does not connect into tax lot 700 (Bradley Mining/Opalite). Also, the SE corner of Bradley property theoretically connects to BLM, but theoretically, there would be no feasible way to gain access to run equipment through that corner of TL 700 without some form of access from OCM. I suppose there could be a prescribed easement or some historical easement through OCM properties to access minerals on Bradley. Disaster Peak road looks like it might be established enough that BLM would have an easement across Bradley, but that's only a guess.

This is not good news in that I thought we had public access into TL 700 and given the difficulty working with OCM, it might be more complicated gaining access through their property. Also, assuming OCM does not secure their property, TL 700 may need a little more work to make secure. I think we had hoped that OCM was only going to take the western portion of the Bradley property, they grabbed most of it outside the main area of contamination. It looks like they did pick up some contamination though (reddish tailings piles west of the west prop boundary). Any of the established roads (even with out an easement, if its exists) would likely still be used for trespass access.

What about fencing the whole tax lot? It's a little smaller than I think we had planned. BLM did this at Bretz. The lot is about 1500 by 1800 ft (6600 lineal ft of fencing). I suppose the good news is that if we don't have a public easement or create a public easement into TL 700, then trespassers on Bradley property would also be trespassing on OCM property.

We can discuss when you have time to look into this.

Vale District GIS response -

Two areas show and easement or right-of-way on the main road through the area passing from northeast to southwest. This road is a primary access route known by several names: Archie Meyers Ranch Rd, Opalite Loop Road, or Indian Creek Loop Rd.

The GIS data shows access through the edge of the property and not into the central area of the mine.